

- 7. Rolipram is referred to as a prototypical PDE4 inhibitor. This means that people in the field view results obtained by using it as representative for results obtained using other PDE4 inhibitors. Table 2 of Teixeira et al. describes in detail a number of PDE4 inhibitors, and confirms their functional similarity. Teixeira et al., Trends in Pharm. Sci. 18:164-71.
- 8. Because of the functional similarity of the PDE4 inhibitors, I was confident that once I had demonstrated that rolipram was an efficacious treatment for CLL, other PDE4 inhibitors would also be useful to treat CLL. My studies with the PDE4 inhibitor Ro20-174 confirmed this finding. The data for both of these PDE4 inhibitors is included in the specification.
- 9. My results have been further confirmed by my studies of the treatment of CLL with a third PDE4 inhibitor. One set of my experiments is represented in the graph below. In this experiment, apoptosis was analyzed in CLL cells exposed to increasing concentrations of a PDE4 inhibitor in the presence or absence of 40 micromolar forskolin.
  - 10. These results show that another PDE4 inhibitor can treat CLL as taught.

